A LETTER FROM THE C------t M------l upon Admiral *Byng*, TO THE L----ds of the A---dm---lty.

My L---ds,

'TIS the humble Opinion of us the Court Martial,
(A Court of all Courts, once deem'd moſt impartial)
That Admiral *Byng* his utmoſt did not,
To engage; and adjudg'd him for that to be ſhot:
But to palliate his Crime, with Deference we ſhew
In our Sentence, Diſtinctions quite ſubtle and new:
That 'tis prov'd, he ne'er ſhew'd any Tokens of Fear;
(And how the Dev'l ſhould he, ſo far in the Rear?)
That clearly to us, he appears in that Light,
Not a Coward, but only was backward to fight;
And more clear to define it, we've ſhewn in Effect,
To be backward in Fighting, is only Neglect;
And tho' we've condemn'd him, for Mercy we pray;
Leſt his Caſe be our Caſe, for likely it may.

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